

The Great Spirit created Man and Woman in his own image. In doing so, both were created as equals. Both depending on each other in order to survive. Great respect was shown for each other; in doing so, happiness and contentment was achieved then, as it should be now.

The connecting of the Hair makes them one person; for happiness or contentment cannot be achieved without each other.

The Canyons are represented by the purples in the middle ground, where the people were created. These canyons are Sacred, and should be so treated at all times.

The Reservation is pictured to represent the land that is ours, treat it well.



The Reservation is our heritage and the heritage of our children yet unborn. Be good to our land and it will continue to be good to us.

The Sun is the symbol of life, without it nothing is possible - plants don't grow - there will be no life - nothing. The Sun also represents the dawn of the Hualapai people. Through hard work, determination and education, everything is possible and we are assured bigger and brighter days ahead.

The Tracks in the middle represent the coyote and other animals which were here before us.

The Green around the symbol are pine trees, representing our name Hualapai - PEOPLE OF THE TALL PINES -

## HUALAPAI NATION OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Charles Vaughn  
Chairman

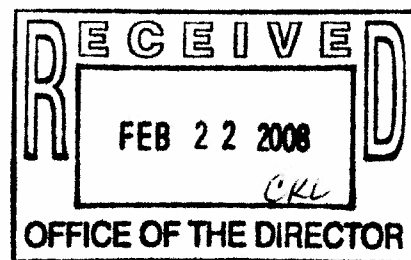
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February 15, 2008

### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Director Herbert Guenther  
Arizona Department of Water Resources  
3550 North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85012



Re: Request for Extension of Emergency Groundwater Transfer

Dear Director Guenther:

My name is Chairman Charles Vaughn and I am writing on behalf of the Hualapai Nation and Grand Canyon Resort Corporation, an enterprise of the Hualapai Nation ("GCRC"). The limited water supply for the Grand Canyon West area is a constant issue and transcends any distinction between our Nation and its enterprise. As such, I feel it is necessary to take up this water dialogue with your department on a government-to-government basis.

We are very grateful that Tom Whitmer and other members of your department were able to join us at Grand Canyon West on February 7, 2008. I hope that the tour of the water supply system was informative and gave your department a true sense of our emergency conditions. As evidenced during the tour, this system is Grand Canyon West's only viable on-reservation source of water. Furthermore, Grand Canyon West is located in remote and difficult terrain that inhibits development of a new resource in the immediate future. In light of our situation and for the reasons described below, I am writing to request an extension of the Emergency Groundwater Transfer you recently approved for Grand Canyon West.

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As you are well aware, the pipeline conveying water to Grand Canyon West lies exposed on the ground surface over some of its thirty to forty mile course. The initial Emergency Groundwater Transfer request came about because the pipeline ruptured in several locations due to its exposure to freezing temperatures. Although GCRC's staff repaired the ruptures, we are still dealing with a daily freeze – thaw cycle that limits the flow to only a couple hours each day, if at all. To protect the pipe from the elements, GCRC staff is working hard to bury it over its entire length. Based on the shear distance, however, completing this task may take several more months. Consequently, we simply cannot avoid this freeze – thaw cycle until either the pipeline is fully buried or the nighttime temperatures remain above freezing.

The recent storms have complicated our situation further. The roadway where the pipeline is located, Buck and Doe Road, is rough and remote under any condition. The rain and snow from our recent storms, however, made Buck and Doe Road virtually impassible. My Tribal engineering department has gone so far as to close Buck and Doe Road to public use until further notice. In the short-term, GCRC's repair crews are severely limited in their mobility along Buck and Doe Road.

The freezing temperatures and difficult road conditions create an altogether uncertain outcome as to when the pipeline will be fully buried. And, as noted above, the only other way to avoid interruptions is for nighttime temperatures to remain above freezing. Shadowing these complications is the current Emergency Groundwater Transfer extension, which is valid only through February 29, 2008. With that date closing fast and portions of the pipeline still exposed, we are deeply concerned that sometime in March or April we will be forced to make another Emergency Groundwater Transfer request due to a late-winter storm or cold snap. Thus, in an attempt to accelerate what will otherwise be inevitable, I am requesting an extension to the current Emergency Groundwater Transfer. To avoid unnecessary repetition, I also hope you will grant this request through the life of the current authorizing statute, April 30, 2008. This timeframe should see us through any late-season cold spells that are common to the area.

Approving this request will help us avoid another crisis and ensure water service to Grand Canyon West through any lingering freeze – thaw episodes. If you should have further questions or are in need of more information, please call me directly. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlie Vaughn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Charlie Vaughn, Chairman  
Hualapai Indian Tribe